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IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Prior to a first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, lines 5-6, please delete "This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/246,988, now pending." and replace it with "This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/107,615, filed June 30, 1998 (allowed), which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application 08/618,064, filed March 15, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,773,570, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 08/246,988, filed May 20, 1994, now abandoned.--

At page 17, line 18, please delete "08/ _____, filed _____", and replace it with --08/593,554, filed January 30, 1996--.